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1. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WAS CONVEYED TO POLISH HEALTH MINISTRY MARCH 10, AND THEY AGREED TO WITHDRAW CHARGES SUGGESTED EARLIER WHICH WERE UNACCEPTABLE TO HEW.
2. THUS THE PHRASE " OTHER THAN THOSE FUNDED WITH PL-480" HAS BEEN DROPPED FROM PARAGRAPH 5, ARTICLE III, TOGETHER WITH REFERENCES TO " RECEIVING PARTY." LANGUAGE NOW REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED BY HEW, WITH ADDITION OF PHRASE SUGGESTED BY HEW IN REFTEL. LAST SENTENCE OF THAT PARAGRAPH NOW READS "... BY THE SENDING PARTY, UNLESS SPONSORING INSTITUTIONS MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS."
3. AS PART OF DISCUSSION AND TRADEOFF ON THIS POINT, EMBASSY ACCEPTED POLISH SUGGESTION THAT PARAGRAPHS 6, 7, AND 8 OF ARTICLE III BE RE- NUMBERED AS SUBPARAGRAPHS A, B AND C OF PARAGRAPH 5. THIS MORE CLEARLY EMPHASIZES CONCEPT THAT PL-480 IS ONE SPECIAL SUB- CASE OF GENERAL FUNDING AND SUPPORT MECHANISMS.
4. POLISH MINISTRY OFFICIALS ALSO SUGGESTED TWO MORE LAST MINUTE TEXTUAL IMPROVEMENTS. THE FIRST OF THESE ADDS THE PHRASE " HAVING REGARD FOR THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC ON COOPERATION IN THE FILED

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OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,"... AT THE BEGINNING OF ARTICLE I, PARAGRAPH 2. SINCE THIS MAKES SOME SENSE AND IN VIEW OF THE PRIDE OF AUTHORSHIP SHOWN BY THE MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN THUS TYING DHEW- MOH INTO THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS, THOUGH PHRASE IS SOMEWHAT CLUMSY WE HAVE ACCEPTED THIS INCLUSION.

5. SINCE PARAGRAPH 3, ARTICLE III NOW INCLUDES REFERENCES TO THE MINISTRY' S DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, DHEW' S OIH AND THE COORDINATING COMMISSION, POLES SUGGESTED AND WE ACCEPTED DELETION OF THE WORD " TWO" IN THE SENTENCE IN THAT PARAGRAPH " IN NEITHER CASE, HOWEVER, ARE THESE TWO UNITS..." ETC. LATER IN THE SAME PARAGRAPH, WE ALSO ACCEPTED CHANGE IN THE LAST SENTENCE DELETING THE WORDS " BY THESE TWO OFFICES " AND SUBSTITUTING INSTEAD " BY THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS"... IN ITS PLACE.

6. WITH RESPECT TO DHEW CONCERN OVER EXPANSION OF ANNEX, MINISTRY OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT WHILE THEY HAD ADDED THREE NEW TOPIES, THEY HAD ALSO DELETED ONE, FOR A NET INCREASE OF TWO IN A TOTOAL OF NINE. THEY STRESSED THAT THESE AREASE ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO POLAND, AND ONES IN WHICH THEY FEEL BOTH COUNTRIES CAN PROFIT GREATLY BY MUTUAL COOPERATION. THEY SAID THEY HOPED THAT DHEW, UPON RECONSIDERATION, COULD ACCEPT THESE SMALL BUT IMPORTANT ADDITIONS. SINCE NO ALTERNATIVE DELETIONS HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BY DHEW TO THE LIST ORIGINALLY PROPOSED FOR DISCUSSION BY THE U. S. SIDE, AND IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE THEY GIVE TO ALL AREAS NOW INCLUDED, THE MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAID THEY COULD ONLY RESPOND THAT THE MINISTER WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISUCSS THIS APSTECT WITH SECRETARY WEINBERGER IN WASHINGTON IF DHEW NEVERTHELESS STILL CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE LIST OF PRIORITY AREAS GIVEN IN THE ANNEX..

7. SINCE ANY FURTHER CHANGES TO THIS MEMORANDUM AND ANNEX WOULD HAVE TO BE THE SUBJECT OF DISUCSSION IN WASHINGTON, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THIS TEXT BE SENT TO THE PRINTERS AS IT NOW STANDS, WITH CHANGES OUTLINED ABOVE.

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